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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 September 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

12 noon	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Cyprus

Briefing by Ms. Ann Hercus, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Chief of the United Nations Operation in Cyprus

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3.30 p.m.	17th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* Immediately following the meeting, the Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room.

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Thursday, 16 September 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the question of the protection of civilians in armed conflict.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

10.45 a.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 3

Organization of work of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/54/1 and Add.1).

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FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly (20-25 September and 29 September-2 October 1999) is now available in room S-2925 (General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative). The list of speakers is also available on the Internet at the following address: www. un.org/ga/54/list54.htm. Any queries concerning the list of speakers should be addressed to the Division (Mrs. Nicolle Matias-Veyne (tel.: (212) 963-5063)).

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TWENTY-SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES
(*27 and 28 September 1999*)

The provisional list of speakers (No.1) in the debate on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-3001G). The provisional list of speakers (No.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	198th meeting	Conference Room 8

1. Consideration of, and recommendations on, issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations

2. Other matters

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Executive session on the Board of Auditors

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations convened by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), on the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, specifically with regard to the question of the consultative status of Christian Solidarity International

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1999

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [6] (DP/FPA/1999/11, DP/FPA/1999/13, DP/FPA/1999/14) *(continued)*

2. UNOPS: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [5] (DP/1999/38, DP/1999/39, DP/1999/40, DP/1999/41, DP/1999/CRP.13)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be an informal briefing on the UNDP programme in Kazakhstan *today* from 6.15 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8.]

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 15 September 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES
(on the drafting of the ministerial declaration)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: OPEN-ENDED MEETING OF EXPERTS ON THE MINISTERIAL DRAFT COMMUNIQUÉ

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room C-209B

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Annual conference

The Fifty-second Annual DPI/NGO Conference entitled "Challenges of a Globalized World: Finding New Directions", will be held *today,* 15 September 1999, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall and from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly will make statements. Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan and Noble Laureate and former President of Costa Rica, Mr. Oscar Arias, will also address the opening session.

NGO Workshops, organized by the NGO/DPI Planning Committee, will take place from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. daily in various conference rooms and in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Copies of the Conference programme are available on the Internet at www.un.org/MoreInfo/ngolink/52conf.htm. For further information, please call (212) 963-1361, 963-7709, 963-1285 or 963-7234.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 September 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold informal consultations on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

The 2nd meeting of the First Committee will be held on Thursday, 23 September 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider the organization of work.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, at *3 p.m.* in Conference Room 2, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.3/54/L.1*).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work. A note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation will shortly be issued in document A/C.5/54/L.1

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The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives will meet in resumed session, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, on Tuesday, 21 September 1999. The meeting will be held in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Third Committee in Conference Room 2, in order to take action on draft decisions A/AC.253/L.12 and L.13.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Thursday, 16 September 1999, at 12 noon to officially inaugurate the newly renovated Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will address the Council at that time. At 3 p.m. on that day, the Council will resume its consideration of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, specifically with regard to the question of the consultative status of Christian Solidarity International.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Wednesday, 22 September 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room E (to be confirmed).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Second, Third and Fifth Committees *(on the drafting of the ministerial declaration)* on 16 and 17 September 1999 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 24 September 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Eleventh Annual Senior Officials Meeting of the Group of 77 on Wednesday, 22 September 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement with the Group of 77 and China (Joint Coordinating Committee) on Wednesday, 22 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 23 September 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Special briefings

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a briefing on "Financial Development in the Globalizing World", the thematic part of *World Economic and Social Survey 1999*, on Friday, 17 September 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will chair the briefing. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing for non-governmental organizations by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara A. Otunnu, on his mission to Sierra Leone and Guinea and Security Council resolution 1261, on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. For registration, please contact Ms. Theresa Stichick, Office of the Special Representative, by 12 noon on Thursday, 16 September (tel.: (212) 963-4710 or 963-3178).

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The Regional Representative of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), Mr. Michael Platzer, will brief permanent missions on current efforts to implement the Barbados Plan of Action on Drug Control. The briefing will be held Monday, 27 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E, and will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 13 September 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4044th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1999/954)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document (S/1999/964), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/964).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/964) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1263 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES
Nineteenth Meeting 25th meeting

Opening of the Meeting [1]

The Meeting was opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, who made a statement.

Election of the Chairman [2]

The representative of Mongolia made a statement.

H.E. Professor Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka (Uganda) was elected as Chairman of the Meeting by acclamation.

Adoption of the agenda [3]

The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda submitted by the Secretary-General (CCPR/SP/55).

Election of other officers [4]

The Meeting unanimously elected H.E. Mr. Filippi Balestra (San Marino), H.E. Mrs. Christina Aguiar (Dominican Republic), Mr. Gocha Lordkipanidze (Georgia) and Mr. Demetris Hadjiargyrou (Cyprus) as Vice-Chairmen.

Election in accordance with articles 28 to 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to fill a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee, for the remainder of a term expiring on 31 December 2002 [5]

The representative of the Dominican Republic made a statement. There being only one candidate for the vacancy, the Meeting decided to elect Mr. Louis Henkin (United States of America) without a vote as a member of the Human Rights Committee to serve until 31 December 2002.

Other matters [6]

No statements were made under this item.

The Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties was then declared closed.

Tuesday, 14 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the fifty-fourth session

The temporary President, H.E. Mr. Didier Opertti, Chairman of the delegation of Uruguay, declared the fifty-fourth session opened.

The temporary President then invited the General Assembly to observe a minute of silence.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/345)

The General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General (A/53/333) concerning 25 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

On the proposal of the temporary President, the General Assembly appointed nine members of the Credentials Committees: Austria, Bolivia, China, Philippines, Russian Federation, South Africa, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and United States of America.

Election of the President of the General Assembly

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the President. His Excellency Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab (Namibia) was elected as President of the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session of the Assembly by acclamation.

The President made a statement.

Admission of new Members to the United Nations

(a) Application for admission (A/53/926, A/53/927 and A/53/1022)

(b) Letters from the President of the Security Council (A/53/1004, A/53/1005 and A/53/1029)

(c) Draft resolutions A/54/L.1, A/54/L.2 and A/54/L.3

The General Assembly decided to accept the recommendations of the Security Council and to adopt draft resolutions A/54/L.1, A/54/L.2 and A/54/L.3 (resolutions 54/1, 54/2 and 54/3) by acclamation

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Botswana (on behalf of the African States), Turkey (on behalf of the Asian States), Bosnia and Herzegovina (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Paraguay (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Iceland (on behalf of the Western European and Other States), the United States (as the host country), the Federated States of Micronesia (on behalf of the South Pacific Forum) and Israel.

His Excellency Mr. Teburoro Tito, President of the Republic of Kiribati, addressed the General Assembly.

His Excellency The Honourable Rene Harris, President of the Republic of Nauru, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard a statement by His Royal Highness Prince Ulukalala-Lavaka-Ata, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Kingdom of Tonga.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees

The Main Committees held consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their chairmen.

FIRST COMMITTEE

The representative of Belgium made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Raimundo González (Chile) was elected as Chairman of the First Committee by acclamation.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Sotirios Zackheos (Cyprus) was elected as Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) by acclamation.

SECOND COMMITTEE

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti) was elected as Chairman of the Second Committee by acclamation.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The representative of Tunisia made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuška (Czech Republic) was elected as Chairman of the Third Committee by acclamation.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Armenia made a statement.

H.E. Ms. Penny Wensley (Australia) was elected as Chairperson of the Fifth Committee by acclamation.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Mongolia made a statement.

Mr. Phasiko Mochochoko (Lesotho) was elected as Chairman of the Sixth Committee by acclamation.

2nd plenary meeting

The President announced the names of the representatives who had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees and congratulated them.

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138, elected by acclamation the following 21 Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: Algeria, Bolivia, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Grenada, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Lithuania, Monaco, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Seychelles, Tajikistan, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/54/313)

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in the letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/54/313) to authorize the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund to meet during the main part of its fifty-fourth session.

Wednesday, 15 September

SECURITY COUNCIL

4045th meeting

The situation in East Timor

Letter dated 8 September 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1999/955)

Letter dated 9 September 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1999/961)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Finland, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand and Portugal, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/977, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/977).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/977) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted as unanimously as resolution 1264 (1999).

Statements were made by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Portugal, Indonesia and Australia, and by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement), Japan and New Zealand.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement on the conservation of small cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas. New York, 17 March 1992

Accession: Finland (13 September 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995. Geneva, 17 February 1995

Ratification: Greece (8 September 1999)*

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Signature: Spain (14 September 1999)

Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Acceptance: Finland (13 September 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interfaith service

To mark the opening of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and to commemorate the Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World, the Interfaith Center of New York and the Temple of Understanding are organizing the Annual Interfaith Service of Commitment to the Work of the United Nations. The Service will be held on Thursday, 16 September 1999, at 8.45 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church (Park Avenue at 51st Street in Manhattan). Special guests will include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and Mrs. Nane Annan. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Special event

Under the sponsorship of the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, a special event on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the admission of Bangladesh to the United Nations will be held on Friday, 17 September 1999, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, will attend the commemorative meeting. Former and present senior officials of the United Nations will address the event.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Security announcement

For security reasons, the United Nations garage will be closed for parking at 12 noon on Sunday, 19 September 1999, and will reopen for authorized vehicles at 4 a.m. on Monday, 20 September. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense. Those who intend to make use of the parking area from 51st to 57th Streets from 6 a.m. Sunday, 19 September, through 6 a.m. on Monday, 20 September, may obtain a parking permit from the Garage Administration Office, located in the first basement (room CB-21) or from the Security 24-hour Control Centre (room C-110), not later than Friday, 17 September. Further details about arrangements can be found in circular ST/IC/1999/75.

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